

Dennis Wood Homicide Talking Points

- On 4/16/04 at 5:33 pm, SCC received CWB request from Bruce Simmons, son of victim Dennis Wood, as family had not heard from Wood in two weeks.
- Mr. Wood lived in the 12500 block of Mountain Trail in Moorpark.
- Deputies forced entry and found the subject lying on the floor. Further investigation (Major Crimes and Med Examiner) determined that Mr. Wood had been the victim of a homicide, shot in head and chest multiple times.
- Mr. Wood sold prepaid phone cards for a living. A recurring risk in such a business is robbery. One possible scenario for this crime is it may have been a 'follow-home' robbery.
- Follow-home robbery would explain why he was targeted, as he lived on a quiet residential cul de sac.
- It has been determined that Mr. Wood was killed 2-3 weeks prior to being found, based on when he was last seen by neighbors and that gunshots were heard around that time.
- To date, we have no witnesses to this crime.
- Mr. Wood was discovered on a day where we had:
 - A stabbing in Bell Canyon
 - The Daniel Campos murder on Hailes Road, and
 - The day before we discovered Alex and Cynthia Jordan's bodies near CSUCI.
- Unfortunately, Mr. Wood's murder has not received the media attention it would under normal circumstances. We would like to change that today.